In regard to the bridge at the Chunkam terminus, an estimate for Rs. 12,250 has already been sanctioned and arrangements for screwing down piles are already in progress.

Then you want a bridge at Vazhicherry and at the timber depot, and you want it before 1104. There is provision for constructing a bridge at Vazhichery and another at Vattakotta in the current year and a revised estimate to construct a bridge suitable for cart traffic is now being prepared.

In regard to the road to the Mannancheri backwater leading to the Kalavur market, the Chief Engineer is going to have it investigated.

The question of the headquarters of the Ambalapuzha taluk, whether it is to be at Alleppey, is under consideration and in that connection the location of the Magistrate's court will also be considered.

I need not refer to the removing of the Mannancheri police station to Kalavur as I understand from what you said that Mr. Pitt is already taking the matter up.

Of course, the creation of play grounds is one of the normal duties of the municipalities and whether Government can carry into effect the good intention of the municipality of Alleppey by transferring poramboke land 4½ acres in extent at the disposal of Government has been referred to the Land Revenue Commissioner for opinion and upon the receipt of this report Government will pass orders.

107. Needs of the Alleppey town.

MR. K. A. PICHABAVA SAHEB (*Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey*) spoke of the following needs of Alleppey. Bridges should be constructed at Chunkam, near the Y. M. C. A. building, at Vazhichery mukku, and near the timber depot. Metalled roads should be opened on either side of the canal from Chunkam to Pallaturuti. A boat basin should be constructed at Chunkam and additional godowns should be constructed on the beach. The tariff value of copra and cocoanut should be reduced. The office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police should be located at Alleppey and police guards should be posted to keep watch over the embarkation and disembarkation of goods at the port. Lastly a women and children's hospital should be established at Alleppey.

DEWAN'S REPLY: MR. Pichabava Saheb, you heard what I said about the provision of bridges at Chunkam and Vazhicherymukku. You want a bridge at the Y. M. C. A. point in addition. I will have that also considered by the P. W. D. officers.

The question of the metalled roads on either side of the canal is now waiting report from the Division Officer, P. W. D.

As you say it causes inconvenience when cargo boats draw up alongside the canal and remain there for days together. The question of more effective arrangements and the possibility of a basin as you suggest will be examined.

Government have already sanctioned Rs. 13,840 for putting up new godowns in the Alleppey customs premises and as the need for godowns arises, the question will be taken up from time to time.

You ask for a reduction of the tariff value of copra and cocoanut. You know it was reduced in the course of last year in the case of copra from Rs. 22 to Rs. 18 and cocoanut from Rs. 18-12 to Rs. 15. Both these reductions were calculated to give you some slight advantage over the cost price of cocoanut oil manufactured in Cochin. Let me assure you on behalf of Government that they are constantly and steadily watching the export trade of raw produce and manufactured articles in Travancore and if any set-back of a lasting and considerable degree is noticed the Government will at once take measures to make it easier for that particular form of trade. I know there has been a slight set-back in the copra trade and I am also aware that the relief which the Government gave recently for this produce, although to some extent beneficial, has not fully stimulated trade to its original position. But I am not yet sure that it is due to external conditions and not to internal disabilities. The position is being watched and whatever action is necessary will be taken in due course.

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I shall consult the Commissioner of Police in the matter of locating the A. S. P's office at Alleppey and also the want of police establishment to give protection to port trade and activity.

You want a hospital for women and children at Alleppey. I think another member has spoken on this subject. A lady doctor and nurses are necessary and the question is already under consideration by the Administrative Medical Board and the Government will consider its report on the subject.

108. Need of vesting the control over the Alleppey Palace maidan in the municipal council.

MR. ABOOBAKER ABDUL KADIR (*Member, Municipal Council, Alleppey*) said that the palace *maidan* at Alleppey had long been in the possession of the municipal council. Recently it was taken away from their control. The council had decided to convert the ground into a park and they had written to Government about it. The member urged that Government should restore the ground to the control of the municipality for the purpose.

DEWAN'S REPLY: MR. Aboobaker Abdul Kadir, I have already given a reply on this point to Mr. Janardanan Pillai.

109. Needs of the Kottarakara taluk.

MR. N. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Member, Kottarakara taluk*) said that a new road should be opened from the Kottarakara railway station to the agricultural farm about a mile and a half to the south-east of it. The road will furnish an access to the town for the people inhabiting the regions between the railway station and the paddy fields to the south.

Secondly, the village road running to the east of the railway station, by the side of the palace and the temple, should be improved. There was a tank by the side of the road, water from which flooded into the road and made it useless.

Thirdly, a bridge should be constructed across the Kallada river at Karimpinpuzha. There were two important markets, one at Sastancotta and the other at Puthur. To go to these places one had to cross the Kallada river. A bridge across the river would therefore be of great use to the public.

Lastly, an English school for girls should be established at Kottarakara. The same proposal was brought before the Assembly at the sixteenth session. The necessity of a girls' school at the place could be seen from the fact that there were already many girls studying in the local boys' school.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Govinda Pillai, in regard to the branch road from the railway station to the agricultural farm, the road will pass through hilly country and therefore it is difficult and expensive of construction. The Chief Engineer is of opinion that there are works of a more urgent nature and so this will have to wait till they are completed.

In regard to the road from the railway station to the palace which you would like to see raised, the Chief Engineer holds the same view as yourself that it is very useful and desirable to improve this and he is having estimates prepared for its improvement.

In regard to a bridge at Karimpinpuzha I can only repeat what I said on the subject last year. However, an estimate is being prepared and the work will be registered to be taken up after more urgent needs have been met.

There is already a girls' school.

MEMBER: Forms I and II only in the school.

DEWAN: I shall ask the Director of Public Instruction to report upon your proposal.

110. Needs of the Pathanapuram taluk.

MR. ADAM SAYYID SULAIMAN ROWTHER (*Member, Pathanapuram taluk*) urged for the early opening of the road sanctioned from Pattazhi to Kunnikode. This road was one which was sanctioned by Government, but its construction was being delayed by the P. W. Department. The opening of the sanctioned road from Kunnikode to Anchal should also be expedited. The ryots' roads from Pattazhi to Enattu and from Anchal to Meenkulam should be taken over and

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